The Conception of "The Bridge to Freedom"

As told by the chelas, from the unascended realms:

In July of 1951, the Beloved Vesta honored a small group of chelas with Her Celestial Presence and gave to them the address which we know you will enjoy reading in this anniversary issue of "The Bridge to Freedom" (August, 1954).

As a result of the inspiration, instruction and spiritual stimulus which She inspired through this address, these earnest chelas asked the Beloved Vesta if She had, in truth, any service of a Cosmic or personal nature which they could fulfill and if, at inner levels, She had invested them in a Cause to benefit the human race or to help our Beloved Ascended Masters.

Her immediate answer in the affirmative was the seed of conception for "The Bridge to Freedom." This was sowed in July of 1951 into the consciousness of those who had asked for ways to serve Her and the system which She and Helios had created and sustained for some definite purpose.

For nine long months the seed gestated within the consciousness of the hopeful and earnest chelas. In April of 1952 "The Bridge to Freedom" was brought forth in Havana, Cuba. From the moment of its birth, certain other chelas, chosen by the Beloved Master El Morya, have nourished, developed and expanded this infant, and "The Bridge to Freedom" which you enjoy today is the result of the combined endeavors and goodwill of the Hearts of Heaven and the hearts of earth—all with one purpose, one design, and one destiny—*to fulfill the Will of God,* according to the individual and collective capacities of the God Intelligences, both human and Divine.

——— Your Associate Editor.

WE NOW JOYOUSLY ANNOUNCE

the addition of four pages of blessing, beginning with this August, 1954, issue of our little journal "The Bridge to Freedom."

In August, 1952, through the kindness and generosity of one of our gentle readers, we were enabled to increase the infant "Bridge" from four to eight pages. In April of 1953, when the publication of the journal was assumed by our Philadelphia office, we were able again to increase the number of pages to 16. Our August, 1953, issue was increased to 20 pages and now, August, 1954, we present a 24-page "Bridge" for your pleasure, enjoyment and enlightenment. The Management.

THE BRIDGE
TO FREEDOM

A Monthly Journal Devoted to Individual Unfoldment, Contact with The Great White Brotherhood and Cooperative World Service

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To the Beloved God Parents of this System of Worlds:

Dearly Beloved Ones, Who designed the beautiful planets which swing around your shining Orbit, We love You! We bow before Your love, Your wisdom, Your patience and Your mercy.

Knowing that in the investment of Your thought, Your feeling, Your energies through millions of years You most certainly had in mind a Plan, a reason for the limitless use of Your life in both creating and sustaining this Solar Universe, We come in humility before Your Throne. We ask on behalf of mankind that they be illumined as to WHAT THAT PLAN IS AND HOW, WE TOGETHER WITH THE FEW AMONG THEM SUFFICIENTLY SELFLESS TO SUPPORT OUR ENDEAVORS, MAY ASSIST YOU IN FULFILLING IT. WE ALSO ASK FOR OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THOSE MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RACE WHO HAVE SUCH A DESIRE and who within themselves are willing to consecrate their personal energies to the fulfillment of the Fiat which Beloved Brother Jesus so beautifully expressed "THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH EVEN AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Blessed God Parents! The miracle of the ages is that any of mankind even desire to know Thy Will! Help us, Who stand between Thy blazing light and their hopeful hearts, to interpret that Will in a comprehensible manner and to make it sufficiently inviting to their feeble yet commendable aspirations toward co-operative service in Thy vineyard.

Lovingly, on behalf of the Spiritual Hierarchy Who live but to serve You, I AM, Your Son— Thomas Printz, *Editor*

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom

THE TEMPLE OF COMFORT, Island of Ceylon, India

From August 15th through September 14th, 1954

Off the southern tip of India, surrounded by the beautiful blue waters of the Indian Ocean, lies the Island of Ceylon. Here is located one of the ancient Retreats of the Eastern World under the direction of the Beloved Maha Chohan, Holy Comforter to the hearts of angels, men and elementals presently evolving side by side in, through and around the planet Earth.

One of the large tea plantations is owned and governed by the wealthy "Indian Potentate" who sometimes visits His "holdings" and Who is (to all intents and purposes) a member of the human race whom He so selflessly serves. Beneath the green, mound-shaped promontory is the Temple of the Holy Comforter wherein are trained and educated chelas who have applied to life for the opportunity of becoming a Comforting Presence to all in distress. The mystic application lies not in written words, nor spoken affirmations of interest, nor in vows that are but superficial reflections of desire for power, knowledge or personal mastery, but in the secret soul's earnestness. Those whose Spirits apply for entrance into this Retreat have witnessed, like Lord Buddha, the miseries of mankind and the nature kingdom, and their hearts have stormed the doors of Heaven for understanding as to how to remove the causes behind these malific effects that plague the race. They are not content with the temporary assuagement of physical pain, but with the removal of the seething cankers in consciousness which pour out their poisons on the screen of life, infecting the healthy as well as the already inwardly afflicted.

The acceptance of the lifestream by the Beloved Maha Chohan, as a chela who is desirous of *losing self* in serving life, is a mark of great spiritual merit. Many of the Ascended Host Themselves have applied for entrance into this Spiritual Order of Holy Comforters but yet await opportunity to join Its Members!

Comfort to the unawakened means freedom from distress. Comfort to the conscious chela means knowledge which, when applied, controls energy, within and without the self, bringing harmony where inharmony exists, beauty where distortion exists, healing where disease exists, and peace where warring

energies are manifest. Comfort is the capacity to control first, the small personal aura, no matter what the internal or external provocations and second, to control the energies that are the shadows on the screen of maya—locally, nationally or on a planetary scale—when required to do so.

The Master Jesus was an example of such a Comforting Presence—so also was the Beloved Saint Francis of Assisi. The Silent Watcher of the Temple of Comfort is seeking constantly among the souls of men for those whose hearts signify they desire to become such a Comforting Presence to life. These are marked and examined by Our Lord Maha Chohan and, if they have certain basic qualifications, they are given an opportunity to learn how to control the energies of their own thoughts—so that only thoughts that will bring comfort to life have birth within their mental bodies. They are also taught how to control their emotional bodies, so that only feelings which will add to the aura of Comfort of the world are contributed by them—twenty-four hours a day and not only in times of application or religious worship. They learn control over their own etheric bodies, so that the memories of past bitterness, injustice and distress might not again flow into the pliable substance of the universal light and add to the mass blanket of karma that mankind breathe in with their very breath. Lastly, they are taught control over their physical faculties so that their lips never form or speak a word that does not carry comfort and inspiration to others, their hands never rise in a gesture that is less than a blessing, their eyes never send forth the fires of irritation or scorn, but rather express the soft radiance of love and their ears never listen to or record unkindness about another part of life, and so on, ad infinitum.

The disciples of the beloved chelas of the Holy Comforter are joyous for they take up the entire course of living. When called before HIM, they are shown how much they have contributed to the comfort of life in a twenty-four-hour period. After a certain time, they are either accepted or returned for further development in the beautiful art of selfless love and brotherhood toward their fellowman, *when they may again be singled out* for OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

During this thirty-day period, each chela and dear reader who loves the Maha Chohan may prove their fidelity to His Presence by endeavoring to INCREASE the amount of com-

fort they bring to their homes, families, fellow students, countrymen, the little members of the nature kingdom, the plant life and, of course, first and foremost *to Their Presence who finds Comfort in OBEDIENCE to Its directions through the voluntary co-operation of the outer self.*

The Flame of the beloved Holy Comforter is white at the core and blends into a beautiful soft pink at its periphery. The song that carries His love and blessing is "At Dawning."

THOMAS PRINTZ

Address of

BELOVED VESTA July 17, 1951

I Am the embodiment of the Power of Invocation by which universal life and light begin an active expression of usefulness.

Life is the Servant of Flame, as light is the natural radiation of life. Without any intelligent director, life would remain forever unformed and quiescent. Within life, the Godhead has placed every power, attribute, capacity and virtue which is His. *Man must learn of Its Presence and how to draw forth Its fulness!* He must become VESTED with the power of creation. Love of life and a desire to understand Its nature precede My service to the evolving soul. I then INVEST them with the knowledge of life's potentialities and their capacity to unfold and draw forth from life the fullness that God has incorporated into this ever-present, intelligent, vital substance. My activity is to draw forth, mould and externalize this potential perfection through My pupils. . . .

The activity of the Vestal Virgins has been little understood. They were God egoes who volunteered at certain periods of Earth's development, to take incarnation and, through devotion to the Sacred Fire, vitalize definite Causes dedicated to further the evolution of the race. This concentrated Presence of the Sacred Fire, drawn Earthward and sustained by the guarding lifestreams of the Virgins, was the sustaining power of these movements—civic, religious, artistic, educational, cultural, etc. The Vestal Virgins were VESTED with Power, and INVESTED in a world Cause or a local Cause through My lifestream.

For instance, an advanced being desires to bring to the human race the art which He has developed in the Octave of

Light. Working at inner levels, under the Chohan of Art, he feels the race would benefit IN SOUL GROWTH by seeing, absorbing, and creating this perfect art (which up to this point may never have been expressed on Earth before.)

The Lords of Karma hear his plan and weigh his worth and capacities. Then, looking at the World Plan, if his endeavor is auspicious at a given hour, acquiesce to his desire to incarnate and bring his gift to humanity. He must interest these contemporary Spirits in HIS CAUSE. They must not only love him, but be found capable of offering beneficial talents, capacities, etc., according to their soul growth and nature. They, too, must be passed by the Lords of Karma.

If this Being is fortunate enough to secure fellow-beings willing to assist him, then the Sponsor and His group come before ME (Vesta) and they are individually and collectively INVESTED in this movement in the Name of God. I take the final responsibility for *investing* souls, life, time, energy, intelligence, in a Cause, and the resultant effect (the failures and successes) become My personal obligation to Life. The Cause is carefully studied, its possible beneficial results for the race, the nature and capacities of the Sponsor and volunteers are examined before such investment takes place. All those invested are then, in turn, Vested with the power and authority of the Sacred Fire to draw out of life everything their intelligence prompts them to call forth to perfect, protect, beautify and expand the Cause they serve. They carry more power than the masses, for they have been cosmically ordained.

During the entire course of incarnation, they work consciously or unconsciously for the Cause they vowed to serve at Inner Levels, and, naturally, I am vitally interested in their progress. In times of crises, because of My personal responsibility, I am privileged to enter into the Cause and vitalize it with My Power and Light. . . .

To invest an individual with spiritual authority is to confer upon their life flame, powers not previously present. I Am the Root of Investment, and a powerful force in the financial world when understood. People design a project and invest their substance, talents and energies into it, so the project may live and prosper. So do I INVEST lifestreams in Cosmic Causes, working with the Lords of Karma, to further world progress. These lifestreams represent My capital, and the Causes benefit by their Presence. All cosmic ventures are placed

before Me by their Sponsor and the Great White Brotherhood. Lifestreams capable of assisting in carrying these missions through the veil of incarnation must come before Me. If their light, momentum, karma and capacities are judged sufficient for the particular service, they are INVESTED (together with their Sponsor) with certain additional powers and dedicated to a Cause. This is all done at Inner Levels and later, "circumstances" draw people together in the world of form when it is proper for the investment to begin working to forward some faucet of Universal good.

The Cause of Freedom was born in God's Heart when the first Individualized God Flame was created, for God desired all his creation FREE!

Many Causes are set up by the Godhead directly, and many Causes are born through the initiative of His children. A Cause, to which a lifestream may choose to dedicate his life, is not necessarily created by the individual himself, but it can be *assumed*. An individual interested in such service may take the responsibility of carrying such a Cause to mankind so that its ultimate beneficial effect may sooner be the heritage of the people. The Godhead may create Causes. Intelligent Beings, pondering on ways to serve God's plan, may evolve Causes and bring them into the consciousness of mankind.

When a Cosmic desire of God's Heart pulsates in the Higher Heavens, waiting to be claimed, ensouled, and lowered by One of His children, it is so finely attuned and vibrates so quickly, that it is neither visible nor tangible to even tremendously evolved beings,—EXCEPT where their own interests and leanings through the centuries have created in them a similar vibration. Thus a Being would have had to love freedom, serve freedom, etc., for centuries before the Cosmic Pulsation would be even discernible in the blazing Cosmic Light which is the "desire world" of the Great Central Sun or the physical Sun of the system. Such a Being is Saint Germain. He finally achieved an individual consciousness sufficiently sensitive to PERCEIVE God's desire to bring *Freedom* to His creation. (The ability to perceive the Presence of any blessing is one of God's gifts and is developed by the humble listening heart.)

When Saint Germain (among all the hearts in Heaven) pierced through God's aura and entered the Secret Place of the Most High, he saw "unclaimed" the Cause God had set up "before the world was." One day, by the nature of its being, this Cause must have an effect which would be manifest as unconditional freedom for every part and particle of His creation. Love had answered before the call—God provided before the need!

His heart thrilled at sharing the development and externalization of the Father's Plan for further blessing to His children. He loved that "Cause," prayed and prepared, that some day He might be worthy to ensoul It with His Own Flame and carry it down to the world of men, that Its effect might externalize on the screen of manifest expression. The Sun Itself calls the Being prepared to carry His particular Cause to fulfillment, either when the Cosmic Hour for its birth is come, or, if some child of Heaven had anticipated that hour and become the fit vessel for its incarnation, *before the hour*. When any Being becomes ready to be invested with a Cosmic Cause, the law of magnetic attraction begins to pull on the Heart of God and the Cause that has lain therein starts on its downward course to join itself with the consciousness making the call from below. Thus does the Godhead become aware of the readiness of the race for greater blessings.

The Father called the Son—Saint Germain—in the ripe hour and Saint Germain, in a Cosmic Initiation, entered the Great Flame of Freedom. He ensouled it with His own Individualized Flame, taking full responsibility for carrying it to Earth and letting Its effect radiate through all life and all created beings.

At Inner Levels, He worked for centuries, interesting lifestreams in that Cause, until many were willing to stand before the Lords of Karma and volunteer to invest their lives in helping bring Freedom to the race. With Their Sponsor, those who accepted this opportunity to give Freedom to the people of Earth were given audience before Me and each invested with the knowledge and power of the Sacred Fire *and the vision of the Cause in its fullness*. Then, as a corporate body, together with Their Master, they were cosmically invested in the Cause of Freedom—their bodies, minds, souls, natures and heritage. None can leave that Cause until its effect is manifest. All are My investment in the Name and by the desire of the God of Love.

Gently, "I AM"

VESTA

MONTHLY LETTER TO TRANSMISSION CLASS

Beloved Hearts, seeking Comfort: August, 1954

There is no unascended being, no imprisoned elemental, no exile Angel whose heart does not call out for Comfort. I Am, therefore, both a popular and a busy Representative of the Beloved Holy Spirit of Our Universe. I Am also a grateful Being because the desire within the soul, the heart and the feelings is the Open Door to fulfillment—whether the desire is for God or for the things of the world.

Desire—the name itself signifying its primary purpose—is a gift of *feeling* which magnetizes that particular thing desired and draws it into the world and experience of the individual. Men may profess one thing with the lips and pen, but the magnetic pull of the secret energies in the desire world will be proof of what he *really wants,* when the final accounting is taken and the final records read. Therefore, when men desire a Virtue We are grateful because their energies invite and magnetize the Beings who embody that Virtue. They draw the gifts, powers and radiation of such Ones into the consciousness, world and aura of the one sending forth the silent call, prayer, affirmation or desire in itself (which is a powerful form of prayer not recognized because it has not been formally labeled *invocation* of the first order).

Men do not seek with such enthusiasm the Virtues of Purity, Humility, or Spiritual Holiness, but *all seek Comfort.* The few apply to become a Comforting Presence to their fellowman. To the few who seek to COMFORT, I send the invitation to join Us in the Temple of Comfort which it is my privilege to sustain in Ceylon. Here, I give to the blessed chelas the understanding of the spiritual qualities which must be developed to make an individual a balanced focus through which Comfort may flow—in the form of healing, peace, understanding, practical works, etc. The personal aura is the conductor of the blessings from the Heart of the Presence. The development of these spiritual qualities matures, strengthens and balances the aura so that it may carry the Fire of Creation to channeled service.

Through this month when I Am honored by the attention of mankind, I recommend that each chela spend one of the seven days of each week in endeavoring to develop the specific

gift mentioned in "The Masters Speak" section of this "Bridge," starting on Sunday with the Humility of the First Ray.

At the Transmission class, if you will honor these Gifts in thought and breathe them in with the Flame, you will have a stimulus toward the development of Their active presence within you.

Love and Blessings,

MAHA CHOHAN.

GROUP MATERIAL FOR TRANSMISSION CLASSES

August 1, 1954

Friends of Living Truth, who are a *Comfort* to God's Heart:

God bless you! In the authority of the Immortal Three-fold Flame of Eternal Truth within your heart and mine, I now commend you to the attention and loving care of one of the *sweetest* and *most desired* of all God's gifts, the *Comfort Flame* of Love! *Feel* Its arms enfold you *now* and *know,* deep down within yourself, that *They will never let you go!* Friend and foe may fail you in your experience life, but that faithful Friend of Comfort—once called into action—*abides forever with you,* always at attention, awaiting your conscious command to *surge* into dynamic action to fulfill your every need. Experiment with It! "Once sincerely tried, never again denied." It is part of your life—your individual inheritance from the Central Sun Itself—and it but requires *your attention* and *practice* of Its use to prove Itself to you!

The use of *any* of God's Flames *is as practical as the use of the electric light, the automobile, or any of the so-called "practical" things men use on Earth today.* We all used them once but have forgotten how real they are! Co-operate with the law of Their Being, connect with the powerhouse through your attention upon them, hold it there until "contact" is made and the current flows. This practice must be begun some day and there is no time *sooner than now!* It is definitely *not* something to be done "some sweet day when life is o'er" nor at some place afar off. *Here* is the place! NOW IS THE TIME!

Did you ever take the time to THINK how important it is to give COMFORT to all the life around you, especially those with whom you live your daily life—those with whom you share the "things" of this world? I mean the homely, little

things that make for health and happiness. You know, "It is the *little* foxes that spoil the vines." Many people rise magnificently to the *big* demands of life but find themselves annoyed each day by just *"little"* things. Perhaps someone has used a bottle but has not put it back in place; someone borrowed an umbrella and never returned it; someone pulled out a chair from the table, forgot to return it to its place, and someone else, in the dark, bumped into it and, if he was not hurt, at least he suffered the shock of meeting the unexpected. All these things happen dozens of times every day somewhere on Earth and it does seem to me that those of us who profess to be endeavoring to radiate the Comfort Flame should be among those who determine to be no part of the carelessness of lesser men.

"Have a place for everything and have everything in its place," is an old maxim that is very helpful to live by. Even if you live alone, it is comforting to know that everything is *where it should be* and it saves tons of energy, many minutes of precious time, and a good disposition when this is done. It is thoughtfulness and consideration for others that pays such big dividends in peace and comfort. The energy we use in thus providing comfort for life, by the very nature of its being, must return to you as you sent it out. Many folks whose bodies, minds and affairs are so distressing to themselves and others have these experiences because *they are not careful to give comfort to the life that contacts their worlds.*

Think this over and—perhaps just for these thirty days—let us faithfully and sincerely try each day to think, to do and to say the *comforting thing—that which makes all life glad we passed that way!*

The keynote for this Transmission is "At Dawning" by Cadman, the color is white with a pink radiance and the statement for the breathing is

"1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
"I AM"	inbreathing	th' seven	gifts	of th'	Holy	Spirit from	Maha Chohan
	absorbing	"	"	"	"	"	"
	expanding	"	"	"	"	"	"
	loving						

Hopefully yours, anticipating the joy of this service,

"I AM"

FRANCES K. EKEY.

SUGGESTED DECREES

For Thirty-day period August 15th to September 14th, 1954

O! Beloved Comfort Flame of Cosmic Love, pulsing every moment through my beating heart, *I love You!* Arise! Expand! and take command of all my world. Saturate my aura with the peace and comfort which Thou art and make it felt by all I contact every second, every day, in every thing and every way, in all I do, see, hear, feel, think or say until all have become Thy loving victorious Presence of Light forever.

Beloved Presence of God, "I AM" in me, O! Thou beloved Immortal Three-fold Flame of Eternal Truth within my heart! Holy Christ Selves of all mankind Beloved Saint Germain and Jesus and all great Beings and powers and legions of light, Angels and activities of the Sacred Fire, In the Name of the Presence of God which I Am and through the magnetic power of the Sacred Fire vested in me, I decree—

Expand, expand and forever expand God's Comfort Flame thru every heart—	Belove'd "I AM"! (3)
" " " " "	It takes command!
" " " " "	It now holds sway!
" " " " "	Rules all for aye!
" " " " "	It's God's own gift!
" " " " "	All life to lift!
" " " " "	It's free to all!
" " " " "	Answering call!
" " " " "	By Sacred Fire!
" " " " "	It's God's desire!
" " " " "	It's done today!
" " " " "	It's here to stay!

FOR—the Heart of Comfort NOW HOLDS SWAY; the Heart of Comfort RULES ALWAYS; to the Heart of Comfort BE ALL PRAISE! Belov'd "I AM"! (3).

Beloved Mighty Presence of God, "I AM" in me and Blessed beloved Maha Chohan—In Thy Name, Love, Wisdom and Power, I make this earnest prayer to Thee:

"Maha Chohan, expand Your Comfort Flame thru me today!
Let all the life I contact FEEL Its Presence here—I pray!
Let God's pure love flow forth from me to raise and heal and bless,
Let all the life I ever use be charged with humbleness.
Make and keep me happy, in sunshine and in shade—
Help me to "keep on keeping on" 'til karmic debts are paid!
O! let me raise my hand and thus remove the *cause* of pain—
And let my very Presence restore faith in God again;
Make and keep me honest, earnest and completely God-sincere
So every one I meet can FEEL—God's Cherubim lives here!
O! let me honor the Master's trust in me the best I can,
Let me express the Comfort Flame from the dear Maha Chohan!"

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

ON THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAHA CHOHAN

I Am the Spiritual Representative of the Holy Spirit to the planet Earth and the Angelic, human and elemental kingdoms evolving in its atmosphere. There is a similar representative of this August Presence, embodying the nature of the Holy Spirit, enfolding every planet of our system which presently embodies life. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifold and one who is interested in developing the Divine Nature and becoming imbued with the Holy Spirit in himself, is wise to measure his progress along the seven lines of development necessary to become a balanced, God-free individual, on Earth or in Heaven! The Seven Chohans, who represent the developed consciousness of one of these gifts, will assist all so desiring to bring to maturity the same nature through invocation, contemplation and proximity to Their Individual Ray.

EL MORYA

Gift—Illumined obedience, spiritual humility, respect for God and His Representatives.

Representing the very positive Ray of Power, mankind does not understand that spiritual humility, surrender of personal will, and *absolute submission of self* is the requisite of those who apply to become exponents of the Will of God to other men. *He has the right to command who has first learned to obey!* The chela desiring to *really* know God's will must be willing to set aside all pre-conceived opinions, to guard himself against the conscious and (more subtle) unconscious promptings of his lower nature, and the almost imperceptible inclination to clothe the desires of self in the glamorous and self-righteous garb of "God's will," thus salving the discomforting barbs of conscience. To sincerely ask for God's Will, to insist upon illumination concerning Its purpose and design, and to live in a state of "listening Grace" is to become one of *the few* who are truly "about THE FATHER'S BUSINESS."

KUTHUMI

Gift—Wisdom, understanding, inspiration.

"With all thy getting, get understanding." This is a statement which is yet an accurate signpost upon the Road to Mastery. Lack of understanding causes half of the differences that arise among the peoples of the earth. *The desire to understand before jumping to illogical and unfair conclusions* is the sign of a great man. Most of the peoples of the Earth want to *be understood,* but few are desirous of endeavoring to understand others. A world brotherhood, any Cause—spiritual or secular—can only be developed when We find men and women whose hearts have been touched by the Holy Spirit *with the desire to understand!* He who *desires to understand* opens the door of his consciousness to Truth and becomes a magnet through which illumination and comprehension flows. Those who reject everything with which their conscious minds and feelings do not agree, *without desiring to understand,* miss many opportunities for service, for friendship, for blessing. In the greater and fuller spiritual progression, such individuals ofttimes miss the key to the Ascension of their own lifestream, through applications proffered but rejected, by conscious or unconscious intolerance, bigotry or egotism. One of the most repeated cries that go out from the Halls of Karma is the remorseful "If I had only understood!"

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

Gift—Tolerance and forbearance.

"Forbear to speak, my brother, and more important still, *forbear to judge,* allowing thy precious energies to surge forth to condemnations silent or otherwise, for you see but appearances and not the motives that stir action, that prompt certain activities of your fellowmen and the more important activities of The Great White Brotherhood, Whose ways are strange to lesser men." Forbearance is Mastery. The immature rush forward to expression, right or wrong. The mature "forbear" and move in Wisdom's Robe. Forbear to speak the sharp reproach, to repeat the unkind gossip, forbear from hasty actions spurred by righteous indignations or selfish interests. Rein in that human self which has the impudence to act before your God has spoken. Then in dignity, let the God that beats your heart *make things right.* This gift of the Holy Spirit makes the tolerant man, *upon whom the foundation of World Brother-*

hood can be builded in beauty and in the assurance that it will stand against the winds of adversity, the quicksands of condemnation, the cataclysms and storms of accusations, the false appearances that cause the man *not anchored in that wisdom* to act before communion with His God!

SERAPIS BEY

Gift—Fortitude, constancy, spiritual endurance.

"Endurance unto the end of the road bringeth the laurel wreath of Victory, the seamless Robe of Immortality and best of all, the happy consciousness of fulfilling one's Vow to Life in worthy service." Proficiency in any type of service, in any avenue of self-expression, is determined by constancy and consecration of endeavor toward the achievement of the goal set by mind and heart. The many who flit, like the humming bird, from flower to flower, enjoy the temporary reward of pleasures, but the few who set the compass of their souls toward Mastery must develop and express that Gift of Our Beloved Holy Spirit, fortitude—endurance—constancy. To these few We look for the arduous task of laying a spiritual foundation that will hold the structure of mankind's future evolution in safety and progression toward the Divine Plan fulfilled.

HILARION

Gift—Consecrated service for God and to man.

Those who rise above the childish consciousness of being recipients of God's gifts, the unconscious beneficiaries of the protection and opulence of Nature's kingdom, are the few who join the Beloved Jesus in His statement "Heretofore the Father worketh,—now the Father and I shall work." A parent is filled with joy when the child of his bosom comes to a point of maturity and desires to joyously assist in the development of the interests, business and endeavors of that parent. How much more is the God of Life delighted when the children of his heart raise their heads from the personal enjoyment of the senses and ask—"What may I do, Father, to assist you"? These become the ones imbued with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in consecration of life to a purpose, a cause, a spiritual development. They are said to have *vocations* and truly have they been visited by the Holy Spirit; not by chance, however, but because they voluntarily asked *"What may I do?"* and their consecrated energy is the answer to that humble, sincere and beautiful question.

JESUS

Gift—Piety, reverence, grace.

"The man who is imbued with the Holy Spirit is easily distinguishable from the masses because of his natural reverence for all things holy, and his respect for the beliefs, faiths, devotions and consciousness of his fellowman, even though his own Light may remind him that such orthodoxy is not necessarily the fullness of truth. Absence of scorn, spiritual pride and bigotry distinguish such a man from those who proceed upon "crusades" of one kind or another, endeavoring to promulgate their individual concepts with the cruel sword of intolerance rather than lighting the soul through love. Humble, *unostentatious* reverence for God, that does not offend the sensibilities of his fellowman through outward show, but rather radiates through him in loving grace, is the Gift of the Holy Spirit which is embodied through the Sixth Ray.

SAINT GERMAIN

Gift—Spiritual dignity, equanimity, poise, balance.

"The man who is blessed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the Seventh Ray is one who realizes his Divine Heritage as a Royal Heir to the Divine Nature of The Father and whose every thought, feeling, spoken word and act is a rhythmic ceremonial whereby the precious gift of life is drawn, qualified and released to widen the borders of God's Kingdom. He becomes the representative of the Most High, scattering in largesse his own qualified life—and in truth is, everywhere he moves, an expanding sun of *God's living, healing, opulent, beautiful Presence.*

ADDRESS BY THE BELOVED MAHA CHOHAN

Havana, Cuba, January 24, 1954

Beloved Children of Light, seeking more Light:

I am come this morning in answer to the magnetic pull of love from your hearts, your sincere devotion to and faith in the Spiritual Hierarchy.

The Law of the great Universe is that We must answer your call with Our Presence. The Great Hierarchy has waited for centuries for an invitation from the sons of men in order to give of Our counsel, Our radiation, Our blessing and Our love. Courtesy does not allow Us to intrude unless invited. This

invitation does not come from your lips, but from your hearts. When that heart prayer has risen in a constant, unbroken series of invocations which build a momentum at inner levels, back on the ray of your own light and life come the blessing and the actual Presence of the Brotherhood. There is no "happenstance" in relation to the gifts of the Brotherhood.

May I introduce Myself to you in My capacity as Holy Comforter to the Earth and its people?

I know you well, My children! At the time of your birth, it was I who breathed the first breath of life into your nostrils. I stood at the side of your mother and conferred the gift of life through the breath which ensured your physical incarnation for a time. When your lifespan is finished, I will, Myself, take your last breath into My heart.

Do you not see, then, how vitally interested I am in what you do with your life and your breath? It is a gift from My Presence unto you!

The Seven Great Chohans Who serve under Me counsel often with Me at My Retreat in Ceylon, India, and all of you belong to the Ray represented by one or another of these Seven shining Sons of Heaven.

When We came to the decision that the Masters were again to bring Their words to the people of Earth and endeavor to reach the outer intellectual consciousness of men, Beloved Lord Maitreya, Beloved Morya and I conferred together to devise a plan whereby certain chelas on the Earth plane might assist Us. My children, how is it possible to work with men if We cannot speak with them and counsel with them?

Mankind has forfeited the connection with the Master's Kingdom and it has been required that a "Bridge" be formed from Our octave to yours in order that We might convey to you the activities of the *Brotherhood while they are in progress.*

We are real, living, breathing Beings. We are engaged in activities primarily concerned with the freeing of mankind from the snare of the senses. Each one of Us, at the moment of Our Ascension, *renounced Nirvana* and enrolled consciously in the Court of Sanat Kumara, offering to remain as the Guardian Brothers to the evolutions of Earth until every man, woman and child and all life belonging to this evolution is God-free.

We are prisoners of love and Our endeavors to help mankind depend upon the voluntary energies released by the incarnated spirits. If it can be arranged for Our chelas to know

what We are doing—while We are doing it—then they, like Ourselves, work *consciously* to the same common end.

The occult and metaphysical teachings up to this hour have only permitted the students upon the Path to *look backwards*—to admire the achievements of individuals for the most part long since dead and to hope that some time in the future some experience might light their own dark path. Even the orthodox religions have promised a golden future in the "sweet bye and bye."

A momentary reflection will show that man cannot live in the past nor in the future, but must live and serve and evolve *IN THE NOW.*

Because of the current requirements of the hour, because the Lords of Karma have released Sanat Kumara from further obligations of supplying the light for the planet, it was required that We secure a means of reaching those of you who wish to cooperate with Us today. . .

The seven Chohans brought the chelas working under Them before Us and from among them *you were chosen to receive the first impetus of this Endeavor.*

You represent those seven Chohans. . . *You are the select and favored few* that They individually felt could best serve Them —even as you yourselves would choose for your fellow-workers the individuals whom you felt had an affinity to your Cause and who, through trials, had proved their loyalty, their worth and their fidelity. The measure of the Chohans, however, was not limited to the outer senses. Each one looked over the life-streams of Their chelas through many, many embodiments and studied how they reacted through stress, through strain, through trial, because climbing straight up the side of the Mount of Attainment requires endurance, balance and sensitivity to Truth and the capacity to stand in the face of ridicule . . . knowing that *LAW IS LAW IRREFUTABLE* and that he who serves the Master looks for no reward other than the *opportunity for greater and greater service.*

From among the chelas chosen you, My Friends, were blessed by the Lord Maitreya and by Myself. It is now your joyous privilege and opportunity to blend your energies with Ours in providing the Light for the world—first, from within your own sweet hearts and then through radiation and instruction, kindling the spiritual fires within the souls of all men everywhere.

Through My Body and consciousness pass the energies used by mankind and through My consciousness passes the life of the Chohans as well. We know from experience the beauty and love within each of the electrons that flows from your Presence into your hearts. We know that within each electron is the power of God Himself. We stand in constant reverence before the gift of life and it is My responsibility to see that the life of the Chohans is invested wisely for several reasons—

First, because They are My Beloved Sons and Fellow-Workers. I am Their Father in a spiritual sense of the word and I know that if They take Their life essence and give it to you, They must stand before the Lords of Karma and prove that *you have done with that life some good service;* in other words, that Their investment has been wisely made.

If the world and the evolution of which you are a member has not been benefited by Their Presence and by Their service; by Their counsel; by Their specific and detailed interest in you . . . If, because of love and mercy They would invest in you the energies of Their lives and Their time and you show no individual spiritual progress nor impersonal service to life in return,—They would have to make up that energy invested in you in some cosmic service. Then, *because of My love for you* —I would not care to have the unpleasant karma due to lethargy and omission of service fall upon *your* shoulders should said Visitation and love and mercy be taken merely as an amusement for your consciousness rather than a stimulus to render service in Our Cause.

Therefore, as each one of you stood before Me with your Sponsor, I examined your possible service to life and, before conferring on the Chohan the privilege of reaching you, I made pretty certain within Myself that you loved life, and that, if the Chohan would give to you His energy, the partnership would be beneficial to both My Sons and yourselves. I prayed to the God of all life that the closer connection between Guru and chela would result in a shining pattern of light and service which the Chohan could present to the Lords of Karma in your name.

It is not easy to refuse one of those shining Sons of Heaven when He asks for a dispensation to reach a heart-friend in human form, for He is prompted by love and zeal and enthusiasm. Yet I have had to do this many times, lest the gift of life be lost and the unascended one create karma through indifference or spiritual lethargy.

In this day We come and I give to you, as do the other Masters, My life. This gift you cannot properly evaluate in the unascended state, for you do not see Our life woven into the creation of planets, in the direction of Cosmic Rays that affect galaxies. Therefore, you do not understand what the investment of an hour of Our energy means, and it is just as well, for the responsibility would weigh heavily on your innocent souls.

However, Our words carry a radiation and Our Presence acts upon your souls' light as the sun acts upon the nature growth. The result of each such communion between Our realm and yours is a harvest of light—the awakening of more and more of the souls of men. That is Our purpose . . . Our intent, in such visitations.

There is always so much to say and yet so little time in which to say it. If I leave with you this morning the realization that the present endeavor which has engaged Our energies is to create a Bridge of Light by which We may reach your outer minds *in an instant* and secure your cooperation in collective groups when there might be world or planetary crises, I feel I shall have accomplished something. . . .

(*Concluded in September issue*)

THE GURU AND THE CHELA

By the Ascended Master Kuthumi

CHELA: Beloved Master: What exactly is individual consciousness?

GURU: Blessed chela: Individual consciousness is the awareness of being *as an Intelligent Focus of life,* having the use of energy, faculties, intelligence and free-will by which to create and direct an individual life plan.

CHELA: Beloved Master: From the moment an individual becomes conscious of himself as an intelligent creative focus of God's Divine Consciousness, is he then responsible for what he adds to the original, pure realization of Being?

GURU: Blessed chela: Yes! Individualization is the great gift of God Himself and the awareness of being, experienced by every Intelligence created by Him, precedes any activity, motivation or experimentation with primal life.

CHELA: Beloved Master: Is this original consciousness of purity and awareness of being, referred to often as the consciousness of Adam in the Garden of Eden, the same as the Ascended Master Consciousness to which we all aspire and which you enjoy?

GURU: Blessed chela: Definitely no! No more than the innocent consciousness of the infant which becomes aware of his being is the same consciousness as that of the Wise Sage who has come to a seemingly similar innocence and peace —not by reason of *absence of knowledge and experience* but rather *by reason of the fullness of experience.*

CHELA: Beloved Master: We are told that our bodies, worlds, homes, families and affairs reflect our present consciousness. It is our desire to know how we lost that pure consciousness. How may we return to a consciousness which does perform works in the name of Our Father and the humanity whose karma and bondage we presently share?

GURU: Blessed Chela: Truly everything externalized in your experiences is projected out of the workshop of your consciousness. Your consciousness today is the sum total of truth and error accepted through sense reports and general experimentation with the use of life, the invocation and dissemination of energy and the creation of vibration, color, sound and form *through free-will!* Everything the individual thinks, feels or does sets up a cause and has an ultimate effect. The reactions and impressions resulting from such experimentation with life build certain fears, phobias, antipathies and concepts of destructive natures which affect the entire course of Earth life. Then, too, constructively, faith, confidence, security, and beauty, are builded into the consciousness through experiences where the lifestream (either witnessing the mastery of conditions by another or himself) developed certain momentums through training, self-disciplines, and applications. It is with this conglomerate "mass" of consciousness that the Hierarchy must work in order to fulfill the Divine Plan on Earth.

CHELA: Beloved Master: Did we lose the pure creative consciousness (in which no thought existed of the failure of life to obey the directives of the God-flame) through experimentation with the creative centers of thought and feeling to design patterns *not prompted by God?*

GURU: Blessed Chela: Truly this is so! Free-will is the blessing of man, but it has also allowed him to weave for himself any number of shadows which frighten, distress and delay his journey toward the fulfillment of the Divine Plan. When man determines within himself at last that he does not like his creation and wishes to remove from his consciousness the cause, effect, record and memories that can externalize as imperfection, he is then ready for Our assistance.

CHELA: Beloved Master: We are then asking for the Ascended Christ Consciousness?

GURU: Blessed chela: Yes! You are realizing first that the present limitations which exist around you are externalized from your own consciousness. You are willing to call the purifying powers of the Sacred Fire (The Violet Transmuting Flame of Love and Mercy) through your consciousness and literally have a "housecleaning" of all *conscious and unconscious* bitterness, resentments, fears, phobias, and all mental pictures of limitations of every kind. This includes the *mass acceptance of age, disintegration and death itself!*

The story of Jesus driving the money changers from the Temple symbolizes this individual purification of consciousness. I must warn you, however! for you have lived so long in the comfortable acceptance of error and half-truths that your outer mind is quite apt to refute the suggestion that even such an activity is necessary. You may measure your world presently externalized against the perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven and then in calm, unbiased judgment, decide whether that which is externalized through your own consciousness *is the ultimate of all good.* If not, the root of your limitations lies in this conglomerate mass of invisible energy.

CHELA: Beloved Master: What is the Ascended Master Consciousness?

GURU: Blessed chela: It is the Self-Conscious Intelligence, *using* the creative faculties of thought, feeling and the spoken word to create ONLY that which is perfect at will! He

may sustain his creation so long as he desires, and etherialize that which is no longer of use at will. Such an one has achieved the Ascended Master Consciousness.

CHELA: Beloved Master: *What purpose is there in decreeing,* if consciousness is the creative center of being?

GURU: Blessed chela: The beautiful wisdom of creation has designed certain foci to render specific services. For instance, nature creates hands to do all the manifold acts which bless the individual and life generally. It creates eyes to see, ears to hear, and feet to walk. Thus the various *bodies* of man were created for specific purposes. The mental body was designed to create the mould of perfection, the emotional body to fill the form with life, and the physical body, with all its members and faculties, to externalize the perfected design of consciousness in the world of form. One of the most powerful avenues by which thoughts and feelings become things (clothed in the physical atoms of the physical world) *is through the power center in the throat, in the spoken word!* With the trained, purified, concentrated consciousness behind the decree,—manifestation should express co-existent with the decree. It did for Jesus and for all who are masters over energy and substance! The spoken or mentally-formed word becomes the final "step-down transformer" by which the desire of manifestation is lowered into the world of form.

CHELA: Beloved Master—Without illumining the consciousness, is decreeing efficacious?

THE GURU: Blessed chela:—For mastery to manifest in the world of the aspirant, individual application on purifying and illumining the consciousness *must proceed, together with decreeing.*

The Conception of The Bridge to Freedom—July, 1951 And Its Birth Nine Months Later—April, 1952

As told from the Ascended Masters' Realm:

Looking upon the evolutions proceeding to avail themselves of the use of life and opportunity in, through and around the planet Earth, I resolved to apply for permission to the Supreme Authority for this system (of which the Earth is but one small unit) to endeavor to reach the outer consciousness of some members of the race and secure their limited but earnest co-operation in hastening the fulfillment of the Divine Plan.

The Beloved Helios and Vesta, listening kindly to My petition, acquiesced to My suggested plan and referred Me to the proper authorities for confirmation of Their Dispensation, namely the Great Karmic Board, My immediate Superior (the Lord Maha Chohan) and the Chohan whose Cause I desired to supplement, known to the students as the Ascended Master Saint Germain.

All of these Beings offered Their consent to My endeavors, kindly withholding Their own personal and individual opinions as to its efficacy, due to the fact that the problematical and voluntary co-operation of unascended beings would more or less decide the fate of the endeavor as well as its ultimate good as a progressive spiritual stimulant to the recalcitrant evolutions involved.

An unostentatious Journal was thus designed, completely devoted to Our Cause, wherein We might present Our current activities, with the illuminating knowledge as to what Retreats of The Great White Brotherhood were playing Host to the Spiritual Hierarchy in each thirty-day cycle. To this was added a simply worded course of application by which the interested and worthy might join their voluntary energies to the primary Causes of a given hour.

Chelas were found who saw some merit in the idea and their voluntary energies, kindly co-operation, and generous contributions of time, money and dedicated thought, feeling and action, helped Us to bring the idea from conception to birth.

From above, the Beloved Helios and Vesta blessed Our idea and invested Us, together with the accepted chelas, in this Cause. From below, good lifestreams assisted us according to their consciousness, development and understanding. Between the two, a Bridge was builded and expanded to this present day. Over it, many of the Hierarchy have stepped to bring Their wealth of knowledge to the receptive consciousness of students and over it, in time, many chelas will walk to eternal freedom, mastery and God-dominion. We, Who are among the Bridge Builders, are grateful for this opportunity and to all who have made its success possible, human and Divine.

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